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Tasmanian **Health** Conference

29 JULY 2017 Medical Sciences Precinct, University of Tasmania, HOBART

DOCTORS AT ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

A meeting of medical staff was convened at Royal Hobart Hospital on Wednesday night to receive an Enterprise Bargaining update. Doctors at the meeting were outraged to learn that the very reasonable requests by AMA were rejected by the government. THS, DHHS and government negotiators have stalled the process.

This is just another example where concerns raised by medical staff are ignored by hospital management. It has been two years since staff last received a pay rise. This is a situation that cannot continue. Respect for the medical workforce and good patient care is necessary in any well functioning health system. Rather than give up, medical staff resolved to implement Level 1 Professional Action in support of patients.

The action was aimed at ensuring the hospital operates as it should by supporting doctors in providing high-quality care to the community.

A report back meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22 March to consider further professional actions if satisfactory progress is not made. Support for this action will help shorten the dispute and more importantly send a message of concern regarding the future direction of health care in Tasmania.

RURAL PRACTITIONERS ENTERPRISE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS - TIME WARP AGAIN...

For RMPs throughout the state, it will be a familiar refrain to say that the THS, DHHS and State Services Management Office between them have not managed to get a handle on your working lives. Negotiations have not progressed. We served our log of claims just prior to Christmas to improve the RMP agreement. The agreement covers approximately 50 GPs throughout the state working in small health services. It approximates to four full-time equivalent positions!

Typically the employers have decided to make offers that bear no resemblance to our log of claims. Rather we are presented with positions such as an offer to provide Family Violence Leave, Bereavement and Compassionate Leave, Maternity Leave and Lactation breaks and facilities.

We are not entirely certain that they understand their workforce. Thanks must go to Dr Mike Lees (Oatlands) and Dr Alex Seidel (Huonville) for their help within the negotiations. It is important that RMPs be heard and both are doing a great job. We are meeting fortnightly for the next ten weeks in the hope that a concentrated effort will lead to a positive outcome.

FRED BINNS PARKINSON FOUNDATION

Expressions of interest are welcomed from interested parties in joining the Fred Binns Parkinson Foundation as a Board Member or Advisory Board Member. The Foundation's primary mission is to raise money to fund Parkinson's Disease research and services. Every dollar counts and the work of the Foundation allows researchers and service providers to spend more time finding a cure for the disease and helping sufferers rather than fundraising. Further details are available by telephoning 0408 812 342 or email - info@fredbinns.org.au



Parkinson's Foundation

MENTAL HEALTH REGIONAL FORUMS

Primary Health Tasmania will be holding regional forums around the state next month to inform the commissioning of low-intensity services and interventions for adults with or at risk of mild mental illness.

Forums will be held in:

Hobart Monday 6 March 10:00am – 2:00pm Blundstone Arena

Launceston Tuesday 7 March 10:00am – 2:00pm Tramsheds

Burnie Wednesday 8 March 10:00am – 2:00pm Wellers Inn

Registrations close on Thursday 2 March at 5pm.

The Australian Government has provided guidelines to Primary Health Networks for funding low-intensity services for adults with mental illness. Low-intensity services are evidence-based interventions that are targeted to meet treatment needs at a particular time and may be delivered through group, phone or web options. We are seeking feedback from stakeholders about these proposed models of care. More information will be available on the Primary Health Tasmania website soon.

Who should attend? Representatives from the following sectors/organisations are invited to attend: • mental health and psycho-social services (including case managers, clinical service providers, allied health professionals, community sector workers, volunteers) • General practitioners • Aboriginal health providers • peak bodies, not-for-profit and welfare organisations • policy and advocacy organisations • housing and employment services workers • police, law enforcement and justice workers and • carers, family members and consumers. If you are unable to attend one of the forums, you will be able to provide input on-line.

When will services be commissioned? It is anticipated that tenders for these services will be advertised in April for commencement in July this year.

For more information about commissioning visit the Primary Health Tasmania website. For more information on mental health, commissioning see our mental health commissioning fact sheet. If you or your organisation would like to talk further about commissioning, please contact us by phone 1300 653 169 or email mentalhealth@primaryhealthtas.com.au

EVENTS



Register now for iDEA17 in Melbourne April 1-2.

iDEA is the annual conference of [Doctors for the Environment Australia](#). Bringing together medical professionals and students, iDEA unites people with one common goal – to address the human health impacts of the environment and climate change.

iDEA17's theme is "[Global problems, local solutions](#)". Delegates will hear from engaging and knowledgeable speakers and discuss how to best address some of the biggest health concerns of our time.

In addition to a stellar [academic program](#), you can enjoy an array of social events and workshops. Registration is very affordable, so [register now](#) for an inspiring, worthwhile weekend. Like and share [event details](#) on Facebook and [YouTube](#) video.

Please find the full program for the Annual Junior Doctor Conference (JDC). We would be very pleased to offer member rates to AMA Tasmania Doctor in Training and Student Members. AMA intern and student members can register for just \$295, making this an exceptionally great value professional development and networking opportunity - and for AMA, the JDC provides a crucial low-cost platform to engage and retain our junior doctor members. Early-bird member registration is available until 28 April – we understand that rosters are not known as yet but are happy to offer a full refund should rosters not permit attendance down the track. JDC Facebook event can also be viewed [here](#)



Leukaemia Foundation

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The Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave is back March 16-19 and Tasmanian medical professionals are invited to take part! It's a fun way to engage with patients and suppliers. Help us support the 35 Australians diagnosed with blood cancer every day. Sign up at www.worldsgreatestshave.com or 1800 500 088.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [ENSURING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF MEDICINAL CANNABIS](#)
- [AUSTRALIA'S PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO FUNDING SHORTFALLS](#)
- [2017 PUBLIC HOSPITAL REPORT CARD](#)
- [PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN THE CURE](#)

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